# Discover the Delaware Bay with us!



# FREE Public Programs offered Fall 2015



#### Arts in the Estuary Saturday. September 26, 10 AM - 2 PM

Celebrate National Estuaries Day at the St. Jones Reserve and John Dickinson Plantation by experiencing the estuary through the artistic and historical viewpoint! Enjoy various artisans, performers, and authors as we join with the John Dickinson Plantation to bring you a cultural view of the estuary! Try your hand at some artwork, buy some native plants from the Delaware Native Plant Society during the native plant sale, and learn tips from local and regional artists.

This event is open to the public and admission is FREE. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

#### Blackbird Creek Fall Festival Saturday, October 17, 10 AM - 4 PM

Everyone is welcome to join us at the Blackbird Creek Fall Festival! It is a celebration that started in 2007 and features traditional crafts and demonstrations, hands-on learning, lively music, kids activities, and lots of fun along the beautiful Blackbird Creek! So, bring a chair or blanket and spend the day with us!

This event is open to the public and admission is FREE. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



### Lantern Tour John Dickinson Plantation Friday, October 23 6 pm - 7 pm & 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Meet at The Visitors Center at the John Dickinson
Plantation (340 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover, DE) to hop
aboard a hayride with staff from the St. Jones Reserve. Tour the
plantation by hay wagon and learn about the uses and changes of
the St. Jones River over the years and the nocturnal life of the
estuary. The hayride will take you to the magnificent entrance of
the John Dickinson Plantation where you will be greeted by
interpreters and Sea Shanties for a lantern tour of the mansion
and nighttime entertainment that would have taken place in the
18<sup>th</sup> century.

**SPACE IS LIMITED REGISTRATION REQUIRED Call John Dickinson Plantation (302) 739-3277** 

#### Bayberry Candle Making Workshop Saturday, November 14 10 am - Noon

Discover the amazing uses of the bayberry shrub! A Reserve naturalist will discuss the ecology of the bayberry while the Plantation staff and volunteers will give insight to the historical use of the plant as we enjoy the art of candle making. What a wonderful way to start off the holidays. **This program meets at the John Dickinson Plantation, 340 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover, DE.** 

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## Volunteer with the Reserve! Tree Planting at Blackbird Creek Reserve Saturday, October 24, 9 am - Noon

Join Reserve staff at the Blackbird Creek Reserve (801 Blackbird Landing Road, Townsend, DE) on National Make a Difference Day to plant native trees at the Blackbird Creek Reserve. The trees were potted in Spring of 2015 and tended to at the Reserve in our native plant nursery and are now ready to go into the ground. Come out and help make a difference in your local environment!

All ages are welcome, but registration is required. To register call the St. Jones Reserve at (302) 739-6377.

Volunteers will need to supply their own work gloves and will need to wear long pants and closed toed shoes.